

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 2623

INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY KABUL IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY DACCA IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE

USLO PEKING IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PK, PINT

SUBJ: MILITARY ARRESTS BHUTTO AND OPPOSITION LEADERS

1. RADIO PAKISTAN AT 0600 HOURS LOCAL BROADCAST

A SHORT STATEMENT QUOTING A MILITARY SPOKESMAN THAT

"BECAUSE OF THE PREVAILING CONDITIONS IN THE COUNTRY",

THE MILITARY HAS TAKEN INTO "TEMPORARY" CUSTODY "EX-

PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO" OTHER PPP LEADERS AND THE PNA

LEADERSHIP.

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2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ARMY BEGAN ARRESTING GOVERNMENT

AND OPPOSITION LEADERSHIP AT 0200 HOURS LOCAL.

JOURNALISTIC SOURCES TELL US THAT AMONG OTHERS, GHAFOOR AHMED,

NAWABZADA NASRULLAH KHAN, MUFTI MAHMOOD AND ASGHAR

KHAN FROM PNA SIDE HAVE BEEN DETAINED WHILE MINISTER

OF STATE FOR DEFENSE TIKKA KHAN WAS ALSO ARRESTED.

3. TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION OUT OF ISLAMABAD IS CUT OFF;  
ARMY CONTROLS THE TELEX AND IS REFUSING TO ALLOW MESSAGES  
TO BE SENT OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

4. OTHER THAN CRYPTIC ANNOUNCEMENT OVER THE  
RADIO, THERE HAS BEEN NO OTHER OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM  
THE MILITARY ELABORATING ON THE SITUATION. WE WILL  
REPORT FURTHER WHEN WE HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.  
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